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11. (S/NF) ANALYSTS AT THE NATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM CENTER (NCTC) GREATLY APPRECIATED REF REPORTING WHICH WAS USED IN A RECENT SPOTLIGHT. THESE REPORTS HELPED ANALYSTS FILL INTELLIGENCE GAPS ON IRAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH SYRIA AND SERVED AS THE BUILDING BLOCKS TO DRAFT THE ASSESSMENT. ANALYSTS LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT. MANY THANKS, AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

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